

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

GALA et al

Atty. Ref.: **2752-59**

Serial No. **TO BE ASSIGNED**

Group:

Filed: **February 14, 2002**

Examiner:

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES
SPECIFIC FOR MYCOBACTERIA AND DEVELOPMENT
OF DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS STRATEGIES FOR
MYCOBACTERIAL SPECIES**

* * * * *

February 14, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

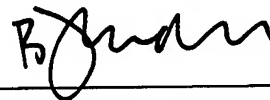
STATEMENT

The attached paper and computer-readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: _____



B. J. Sadoff
Reg. No. 36,663

BJS:eaw

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

20040214 09:44:00